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SC No. 10603/62

15 October 1962

MEMORANDUM NO: 1450-S  
MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1A9a  
ATTENTION: Lt. Col. William R. Fedor, ASAE  
SUBJECT: Requested Information on Ruedersdorf  
REFERENCE: Your Memo #340, 14 June 1962

1. The underground installation at Ruedersdorf was originally used by the Germans in World War II to house a ball bearing plant. The Soviets dismantled the equipment from it after the war, and in 1949 started renovating it for use by their army. There are reportedly about 200 rooms off a tunnel into the limestone cliffs. Previous FI/D SI material showed that the installation was being used in early 1956 as a stand-by communications center for the GSFG. Ruedersdorf is now a switching center in the GSFG telecommunications system.

2. The disaster at Ruedersdorf in May has not been related to the GSFG installation, although the possibility of a connection cannot be clearly ruled out. Information received here indicates the far greater likelihood that the disaster resulted from drilling for gas. Similar accidents took place in GDR gas fields in August 1959 and in June, 1962.

3. Ruedersdorf is one of several locations where the GDR has been prospecting for oil and gas. It is apparent that the disaster resulted from the drilling of a gas well which went out of control. Soviet experts from the Baku oil region arrived 2 days after the disaster began. They joined East German geologists and police forces in the job of flushing out the gas and sealing off the leak. At least 4 days were required to accomplish this job. The role of the "Soviet ambassador" has not been established.

4. The only reference in the press to the disaster appeared in the Berliner Zeitung of 23 May 1962.

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MEMORANDUM NO. 340

14 June 1962

TO : [REDACTED] SA/RR  
FROM : [REDACTED] ORR Representative, [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: Request for Information

1. I have received a request from ASAE for information on military construction in the town of Ruedersdorf, East Germany. Several reports received via this office indicate that an underground wartime headquarters is under construction there. A supplement to this memorandum giving additional details is being forwarded through SI channels.

2. I believe that the request can be handled quite easily by contacting appropriate sections of S/CST, M/FP and I/G. If these units have no info "at hand" I believe ASAE should be advised to request its headquarters to do the digging that a library document search would entail.

*Memo sent via special channels received on 9 July 1962.  
Orig of this memo, plus orig + encls to special memo  
sent to ms/CST for reply - 9 July 62.  
(Special memo plus encl. on file in the SA/RR's  
folder in ST/P/C)*

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19 June 1962

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ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM #340

25X1A9a  
TO: [REDACTED] SAIRR  
FROM: [REDACTED] ORR Representative, 25X1A6a  
SUBJECT: Request for information on RUEBERSDORF

1. Attached herewith are copies of the information request referred to in my Memo #340.

2. In questioning the originator regarding the nature of the "disaster" mentioned in paragraph 3, I was told that it apparently was a gas explosion caused by the drilling operation.

Att: a/s

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Plus 2 copies of the enclosure to MS/CS7  
in reply. A copy of [REDACTED] Memo 340  
also forwarded - 9 July 62

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UNITED STATES AGENCY EUROPE

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29 May 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: OCA Frankfurt  
25X1A9a  
ATTN: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Request for Information on RUEDERSDORF (WU 1914)

1. (S) Recently, we received a collateral report from your office which originated with a Danish source. The report mentions activity of a normal nature at a "tunnel" in RUEDERSDORF and states that it is the planned wartime headquarters of GSFG. (Report No. ODC-5613, dtd, 11 May 62; ODC-5555, dtd 16 March 1962; ODC-5537, dtd 13 Feb 1962).

2. (S-KIMBO) Mention in communications of a "Soviet Ambassador" to inspect a drilling facility at RUEDERSDORF was made on 19 May 1962. The appearance of an ambassadorial rank could possibly confirm Soviet interest in this geographical area.

3. (S) It is requested that you furnish this office with all available information on the town of RUEDERSDORF, East Germany, particularly any information pertaining to the planned wartime headquarters of GSFG being established there, and to a "disaster" which may have occurred there recently.

WILLIAM R. FEDOR  
Lt Col AI(Inf)  
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